

*Felony*United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Texas

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United States of America

v.

Josue SANCHEZ

Defendant

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

Case No.

B-20-MJ-266

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

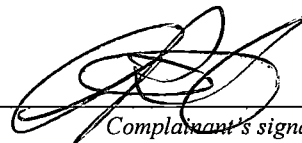
On or about the date of March 3, 2020 in the county of Cameron in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 554 & 371
an offense described as follows:

Knowingly conspired to export or send from the United States, or attempt to export or send from the United States, any merchandise, article, or object contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, or receives, conceals, buys, sells, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment, or sale of such merchandise, article or object, prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for the exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, to wit: four (4) shotguns, three (3) handguns, one (1) rifle, 525 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition, and 750 shotgun shells.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

March 3, 2020, United States Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) at the Brownsville and Matamoros Port of Entry, Brownsville, TX, encountered SANCHEZ attempting to depart the United States in a white Chevrolet Suburban. CBPOs conducted an outbound inspection of SANCHEZ, the driver, and SANCHEZ gave a negative declaration for money, ammunition, and firearms. A secondary inspection of SANCHEZ and the vehicle revealed three (3) 12 gauge shotguns, one (1) 300 Win Mag rifle, one (1) 410 shotgun, one (1) .22 caliber pistol and one (1) box of 750 12 gauge shotgun shells concealed in the engine compartment of the vehicle. Additionally, one (1) .22 caliber pistol, one (1) .380 caliber pistol and one (1) box of 525 .22 caliber ammunition was discovered in the center console of the vehicle.

Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents interviewed SANCHEZ who admitted that he was exporting the firearms to Mexico for monetary gain. SANCHEZ agreed with individuals in Mexico, to purchase firearms on their behalf. SANCHEZ stated that he had delivered firearms to individuals in Mexico on other occasions. SANCHEZ further stated he knew it was illegal to take firearms and ammunition into Mexico and that he had never applied for a license to export firearms and ammunition to Mexico.

☐ Continued on the attached sheet*Complainant's signature*

Andres R Garza HSI Task Force Officer

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: March 4, 2020City and state: Brownsville, Texas*Judge's signature*

Ronald G. Morgan, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title